

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, July 21, 2008 at 4:30pm at City Hall in the Mayor's Conference Room.

Present at said meeting were Garnet Peck, Mike Dana, Paula Woods, Karen Springer, Mary Nauman, and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Council member Ann Hunt was present. Absent were Council members Gerald Thomas and Gerry Keen. Staff members Lee Booth and Brenda Lorenz were also absent.

Garnet convened the Board at 4:35pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the June 16, 2008 meeting. Mike motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mary seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.
- Thanked Park Board Luncheon sponsors, (attached).
- Provided updates for Happy Hollow Park projects.

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- Men's Softball tournament starts tonight and ends July 30. Servpro won the league trophy. The Coed tournament will start the week of August 4 and end by the week of August 18.
- Global Fest will be Saturday, August 30. To date, the Mayor has raised \$12,500.00, which is \$500 above our goal.
- Soccer Use Agreement – The Greater Lafayette Recreational Soccer Alliance has requested, as in years past, use of the fields at Cumberland Park for practice beginning August 11 and ending October 26, weekdays from 4-9pm. Games will be on weekends beginning August 23 and ending October 26. Games will be scheduled during the hours of 8:00am until 6:00pm.

Parks – Joe reported in Lee's absence on the following:

- Inspection reports available.
- Preparation of all parks for the America in Bloom judges visit to the area.
- Tapawingo Park prepared for various festivals (Taste of Tippecanoe, Riverfest, and Dancing in the Streets).
- Construction has begun on the pony league (north field at Cumberland Park) fence.
- Preparation of Morton rooms underway for the new rental group.
- Grass cutting schedule continues.
- Miscellaneous repairs taking place on equipment and amenities.
- Planted new groundcover in Tapawingo Park, Happy Hollow Park, and Centennial Park to help reduce mowing.
- Last Friday, July 18, there were three gar (fish) netted from the Margerum fountain, a first in the life of the fountain.

Recreation – Chris reported on the following:

- The annual Kiddie Carnival was held in Cumberland School on July 7. The Playground staff worked the carnival games. We have a good turnout for this family event where every child is a winner.
- Our final session of swim lessons began today. Registrations received-to-date for swim lessons is 1,402.
- Several summer programs have been completed. Both the Cumberland and Burt'sfield playground programs ended last Friday, July 17, after 7 weeks. Tennis lessons will also be finishing this week.
- We completed Soccer camp with 44 children enrolled. Our last summer sports camp began today. Football Skills Camp, coached by Marshall Overley, is offering this one week skills camp.
- We do appreciate the West Lafayette School Corporation's support of our summer programs. The faculty and staff have been great to work with this summer.

Morton Center – Pennie reported in Brenda's absence on the following:

- Work is progressing on the curbs on North Street, which has required traffic into the Morton lot to be rerouted. The exit on Columbia Street has to serve as the entrance as well as the exit until the curbs are completed. We appreciated Engineering's help to reschedule the destruction of the entrance to Morton until after WALLA's Frozen Custard Social, which was Thursday afternoon.
- River City Fencing has moved out of Room 102. The Purdue Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic have moved in. Parks maintenance staff has been working on installing the sinks and toilet that are required for the rooms.

Old Business

Nighthawk Trail Realignment

Joe reported no word from Aldi since the first discussion took place.

New Business

Beetle Information

Joe gave a brief report and showed pictures of Oriental Beetle Traps placed in Tapawingo Park. The traps netted approximately 150 beetles.

2009 Budget

Joe gave a brief update regarding the budget for 2009.

Plantings on Cumberland Avenue

Garnet gave a brief update regarding the plantings near the lift station on Cumberland Avenue, noting a meeting at his house has been scheduled to discuss the matter. The question that has arisen, and one that will be discussed at the meeting, is about who will be responsible for the upkeep of the plantings, whether or not it will be the City, or individuals that would volunteer for the upkeep.

West Lafayette School Board

- The Cumberland classroom addition re-bid & came in under budget. Five classrooms & restrooms will be added to the north side of Cumberland for the 2009/10 school year.
- Asbestos Abatement is taking place at Burtfield and an RFP for demolition is being developed and will be presented to the City for their bid on Salisbury.
- The first day of school will be an afternoon session only on Wednesday, August 13.
- The Annual Athletic Booster Chicken Dinner and High School Sports Preview are scheduled for Thursday, August 14 at the high school from 5-8pm.
- The first high school football game will be Friday, August 15 at 7:30pm, Home Scrimmage vs. Harrison.
- Budget – hearing scheduled for Wednesday.

Wabash River

Paula reported Riverfest was cancelled due to the inclement weather, noting however, that West Lafayette did manage to win the boat race prior to the cancellation. Mike reported the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation Board meeting is this coming Friday, noting they have not met for a couple of months.

Other

No report.

Pay Claims

Karen motioned for claims to be paid. Mary seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mary seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary